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DEPARTURE STATEMENTS

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1. FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED TEXTS OF ARRIVAL AND
DEPARTURE STATEMENTS FOR USE BY THE SECRETARY DURING HIS VISIT
TO ATHENS JANUARY 21-22. WE ARE DRAFTING A SUGGESTED TOAST
FOR USE AT THE DINNER WHICH FOREIGN MINISTER AND MRS. PAPALIGOURAS
WILL OFFER THE SECRETARY AND MRS. VANCE AND WILL TRANSMIT IT
BY SEPTTEL.

2. SUGGESTED ARRIVAL STATEMENT - BEGIN TEXT:

IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO BE IN ATHENS AND TO EXTEND
THE WARMEST GREETINGS OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE
UNITED STATES TO THE PRESIDENT, THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE
PEOPLE OF GREECE. GREECE AND THE UNITES STATES ARE ALLIES UNITED
BY COMMON VALUES, BY SHARED EXPERIENCES AND BY TIES OF FAMILY.
BUT IT IS A SPECIAL SATISFACTION FOR ME TO RETURN HERE WHEN
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OUR TWO COUNTRIES ONCE AGAIN HAVE IN COMMON THE INSTITUTIONS AND
THE LIBERTIES OF DEMOCRACY.

IT HAS NOW BEEN ONE YEAR SINCE PRESIDENT CARTER TOOK OFFICE.
IN THAT YEAR WE HAVE SOUGHT TO BUILD A MORE STABLE, MORE
PEACEFUL AND MORE COOPERATIVE WORLD. CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION
WITH OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES HAVE BEEN AT THE VERY HEART OF OUR

EFFORTS. THUS DURING MY VISIT HERE I HOPE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH GREECE'S LEADERS AND TO ENHANCE OUR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

MORE PARTICULARLY, AMERICA IS COMMITTED TO A JUST AND PERMANENT SOLUTION ON CYPRUS AND TO PEACE AND COOPERATION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. I BRING NO PLAN TO RESOLVE THESE ISSUES, BUT I DO BRING AN AMERICAN DETERMINATION TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE IN THEIR RESOLUTION. IN MY MEETINGS WITH GREEK OFFICIALS I WILL SHARE OUR VIEWS ON THESE PROBLEMS AND LISTEN MOST INTENTLY TO THEIRS.

THANK YOU. END TEXT.

3. SUGGESTED DEPARTURE STATEMENT - BEGIN TEXT:

LEAVING GREECE, I WANT TO EXTEND MY THANKS TO PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS AND HIS ASSOCIATES FOR THE MANY COURTESIES THEY HAVE SHOWN TO MRS. VANCE AND ME AND TO MY PARTY DURING OUR STAY IN ATHENS.

AS I HAD HOPED WHEN WE ARRIVED YESTERDAY, THIS VISIT HAS ALLOWED ME TO EXPLORE WITH GREEK LEADERS MANY ISSUES OF CONCERN TO OUR TWO NATIONS. IN THIS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WE HAVE STRENGTHENED AND BROADENED THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS. IN THE MONTHS AHEAD I SHALL LOOK BACK TO THIS VISIT NOT ONLY FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE FRIENDSHIPS AND ACQUAINTANCES I HAVE RENEWED BUT ALSO AS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF GREEK-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

THE UNITED STATES SEEKS STRONG TIES WITH GREECE. IT SEEKS A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN CYPRUS. IT SEEKS TO STRENGTHEN PEACE AND COOPERATION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. FROM WHAT I HAVE HEARD AND LEARNED HERE, I KNOW WE SHALL NOW BE BETTER ABLE TO PURSUE THESE GOALS AND I WILL BE REPORTING THIS TO THE PRESIDENT WHEN I RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

THANK YOU. END TEXT.
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